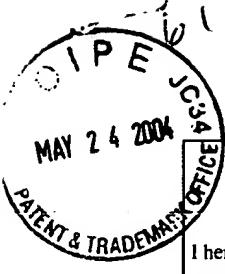


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2004 (Paper No. 15) for which a response is due on April 27, 2004. Submitted herewith is a Petition for a one (1) month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response up to and including May 27, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.